

Slipping Through The Cracks: 10 Things To Know About Child Trafficking

1. An estimated **244,000 to 325,000 children** are at risk of commercial sexual exploitation in the United States.[1]
2. In 2019, there were **1,032** victims of human trafficking in Ohio and **4,309** people who were at risk for human trafficking.[2]
3. In Ohio, on average, victims of human trafficking are **between 12 and 30 years old** when identified, and **85.5% of victims were minors**.[3]
4. Children who are trafficked often come from **minority populations**, have experienced **poverty, abuse or neglect**, have high rates of **mental health needs**, and have faced significant disruptions in their family and school life.[4]
5. Many children involved with **child protective services** and **foster care** are also victims of sexual exploitation.[5]
6. Youth who experience **sexual abuse** are **28 times more likely** to be arrested for prostitution at some point in their lives than children who did not. [6]
7. **57.5%** of all “juvenile prostitution” arrests are Black children.[7] All individuals considered “juvenile prostitutions” are actually human trafficking victims under federal and state law.
8. **1 in 5** homeless youth are victims of human trafficking, including **17%** who have engaged in the sex trade to survive.[8]
9. Approximately **36%** of homeless youth have traded sex for a place to stay, or another need.[9]
10. **39%** of youth sex trafficking victims may identify as LGBTQ,[10] and **56%** of transgender youth report being involved in the sex trade in some way.[11]

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